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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MARCH 4 MEETING (SALT TWO-542)

1. MY STATEMENT AT THE MEETING TODAY REVIEWED OUR SUBSTANTATIVE POSITIONS AND EMPHYZIZED NECESSITY OF RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES "SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD TO A MUTUALLY STAISFACTORY AGREEMENT". SEMENOV'S STATEMENT WAS ON ARTICLE VIII (BAN ON ASMS ON AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS), AND TRUSOV MADE STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE SOVIET POSITION ON ASMS AND BACKFIRE. TRUSOV SAID THAT THE "TRAJECTORY" OF A MISSILE CANNOT BE A CRITERION FOR INCLUSION OR EXCLUSION.

2. WE AGREED TO PLENARY MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, AT WHICH TIME I TOLD SEMENOV I INTENDED TO TABLE DRAFT AGREEMENT, AND WOULD DISCUSS WITH HIM WORK PROGRAM. SUBSEQUENT MEETING SET FOR FIRDAY, MARCH 7.

3. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT, WHEREAS IN OUR PRESENTATION ON MIRV VERIFICATION WE HAD BEEN LAYING EMPHASIS ON ABILITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY GIVEN SILO CONTAINED A MIRVED MISSILE, IN FACT THIS WAS NOT THE PROBLEM; THE PROBLEM WAS WHETHER, OVER THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT, THE SOVIETS EXCEEDED THE 1320 LIMIT

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FOR MIRVED LAUNCHERS. THIS WAS A DIFFERENT PROBLEM THAT THE POSITION

WE HAD BEEN SETTING FORTH AND HE FELT SURE THAT OVER A PERIOD OF
TIME WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONFIRM TO OUR STAISFACTION THEIR COMPLIANCE
WITH THE AGREEMENT. HE SPOKE OF WHAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN
BY WATCHING THE "DAILY LIFE", PRESUMABLY AROUND LAUNCHER COMPLEXES.

4. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE TODAY.JOHNSON

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